Statement

Details of Revision Application Cases pending as on 31.12.2006

	YEAR						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
STATE							
Madhya Pradesh	00	03	33	36	31	23	126
Haryana	00	01	03	01	02	01	08
J & K	00	00	01	00	00	00	00
Kerala	00	00	05	01	01	01	08
Uttar Pradesh	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
West Bengal	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Bihar	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Himachal Pradesh	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Jharkhand	00	00	00	01	10	00	11
Rajasthan	00	00	02	19	68	104	193
Chhattisgarh	00	00	06	06	08	13	33
Orissa	06	08	10	07	08	90	129
Andhra Pradesh	00	00	02	09	05	03	19
Gujarat	00	00	00	07	06	17	30
Tamil Nadu	01	05	06	03	05	08	28
Karnataka	00	00	01	00	06	03	10
Maharashtra	00	00	02	06	07	18	33
Goa	00	02	04	03	05	01	15
Uttaranchal	00	00	00	01	03	03	07
GRAND TOTAL	07	19	75	100	165	285	651

Development of mining sector

4193. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government for the growth and development of mining sector in the country;

(b) whether the Mineral Advisory Council (MAC) in its meeting held in New Delhi recommended measures for further development and growth of mining sector in the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein alongwith the reaction of Government on the recommendations of MAC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) Some of the measures taken by the Ministry of Mines for the growth and development of mining sector in the country are as follows:—

(i) Enunciated the National Mineral Policy in 1993.

(ii) Opened up the non-fuel and non-atomic mineral sector for private sector investment, including foreign direct investment (FDI).

(iii) Introduced the concept of reconnaissance permit (RP) as a stage distinct from the prior to actual prospecting operations.

(iv) Delegated further authority to State Government.

In order to promote further growth in the mining sector, a High Level Committee (HCL) under the chairmanship of Shri Anwarul Hoda, Member, Planning Commission was constituted to review the National Mineral Policy and recommend possible amendments in the Mines and Mineral (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 to give a fillip to private investment in the sector. Recommendations of the Committee is under consideration to the Central Government.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. There was a meeting of Mineral Advisory Council in which Chief Ministers of States Governments were invited and those Chief Ministers who could not attend the meeting sent their Mines Ministers. Mines Secretary of the State Governments also participated in the meeting of the Council. State Governments, Central Ministries/Departments, Industry and other members of the Mineral Advisory Council expressed their views on the recommendations of the HLC.